

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-02-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 16, 2004
Commission Meeting: February 18, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. **2/17/04 10:30 a.m.** - NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (2/17/04)
2. Telecom Regulation in Montana – Discuss the Basis for Commission Regulation of Telecom Carriers in Montana. (2/18/04)
3. D2003.10.153 – Qwest Communications Corporation – Motion for Reconsideration. (2/18/04)

4. N2003.10.149 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 04-01, Volume and / or Term Discounts. (2/18/04)
5. Great Falls Tribune, et al. v. PSC – Discussion and Action on Petition for Attorney Fees. (2/18/04)
6. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (2/18/04)

Other Meetings

2/18/04 1:30 p.m. – Verizon Wireless (Bollinger Room)

2/23/04 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Plan Discussion – Procedural Issues (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. MONTANA N2004.2.18
(Leroy)

On February 5, 2004, Sprint Communications filed its 212th Revised Page 1. The purpose of the filing is to make corrections to the Sprint/Sheetz minute Prepaid PhoneCard Rates; make a textual change and make new PCS customers eligible for Sprint Unlimited at Home. Sprint is requesting a February 12, 2004 effective date.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. N2004.2.20 (Leroy)

On February 6, 2004, Central Montana Communications filed tariffs to change the Local Network Access Line Service-Non-Recurring Charges to modify the Supplementary Service Additions/Charges to indicate that changing from one bundle to a lower cost bundle will result in a \$10.00 non-recurring charge; added Service Bundles-Monthly Recurring Charges to allow subscribers to receive a package of services for one price. Three bundles were created. The rate charged is dependent on whether the subscriber is residential or business and whether their exchange is in an EAS region; lowered its current monthly vacation rate from ½ the monthly rate to \$2.00 per month with a \$10 recurring charge; discontinued CLASS packages but grandfathered in those customers currently subscribing to one of the packages; deletes restriction of Changed Number Announcement for a maximum of 4 months.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.2.17 – Ronan Telephone Company – Application for EAS

N2004.2.18 – Sprint – Price List Changes – Minute Prepaid Phone Card Rates, Textual Change, Make New PCS Customers Eligible for Sprint Unlimited at Home

D2004.2.19 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana Limited Partnership – Interconnection / Compensation Agreement

N2004.2.20 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. – Proposed Tariff Changes to Sections 5, 7, 9, and 29

D2004.2.21 – PSC Initiated – Investigation of Electricity Market Activity Affecting Customers during the Period 2000 through 2001